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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH IGLESIAS OF ECLA

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1. GENERAL THEME OF MUCH OF ECLA SESSION WAS IMPORTANCE
OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENTS AND SOCIAL CHANGE INCLUDING
STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS ALONGSIDE ECONOMIC GROWTH.
IMPLICATION, STATED EXPLICITLY BY SOME WHO TREATED THE
SUBJECT, WAS THAT LATIN AMERICANS MUST ACT THEMSELVES
TO MAKE BASIC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPROVEMENTS AND
SHOULD NOT PUT SOLE OR EVEN PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON CHANGES
IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK.

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2. IGLESIAS GAVE GOOD BASIS FOR THIS EMPHASIS ON SOCIAL
CHANGE IN THE BASIC DOCUMENT PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT
AND IN HIS OPENING SPEECH TO THE SESSION. AMBASSADOR
ANDREW YOUNG CARRIED THE MESSAGE FURTHER WITH HIS SPEECH,
WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED. YOUNG'S MESSAGE HAD A GREAT
IMPACT ON THE SESSION, AND ALMOST ALL DELEGATIONS FELT

IT NECESSARY TO REACT, MOSTLY FAVORABLY. FORMER UNCTAD
SECGEN RAUL PREBISCH THEN STRONGLY REINFORCED THE MESSAGE,
SAYING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER WOULD BE WORTH NOTHING WITHOUT FUNDAMENTAL ETHICAL

AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. WHILE EVOLUTION OF U.S. POSITIONS HELPED, IGLESIAS
SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED THAT THE MEETING (A) LARGELY
AVOIDED THE PROCEDURAL ISSUES THAT TORE APART THE 1975
SESSION, (B) HANDLED NIEO-TYPE ISSUES SENSIBLY AND
WITHOUT ACRIMONY, AND (C) BROUGHT ATTENTION TO THE
SERIOUS SOCIAL (AND BY EXTENSION POLITICAL) PROBLEMS
WITH WHICH LATIN AMERICA MUST COPE TO MAKE ITS REMARKABLE
ECONOMIC GROWTH RECORD MEANINGFUL IN HUMAN TERMS.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, IGLESIAS CONCLUDED FROM THE SESSION
THAT ECLA HAD RECEIVED A NEW MANDATE WHICH IMPLIED SUB-
STANTIAL RESTRUCTURING AND PRESUMABLY EXPANSION OF ECLA
SECRETARIAT. WE ARE NOT SURE THAT GOVERNMENTS WILL AGREE
TOTALLY WITH THAT INTERPRETATION, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING
THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS. HE SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE
ENCOURAGED TO EXPECT U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR AN
EXPANSION OF THE ECLA SECRETARIAT.

5. WE WILL BE INTERESTED TO HEAR WHAT IGLESIAS THINKS
ABOUT THE MEETING AFTER FURTHER SOBER REFLECTION. CHRISTOPHER

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